

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF U S WEST)	CASE NO. USW-T-00-3
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION FOR)	
AN ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE TO)	NOTICE OF MOTION TO
MANAGE ITS SECTION 271 APPLICATION.)	REVISE QPAP
)	
)	NOTICE OF MODIFIED
)	PROCEDURE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that as part of Qwest's Section 271 case and subsequent application with the Federal Communications Commission, Qwest developed a performance assurance plan (QPAP or Plan), the purpose of which is to ensure the Company will continue to meet the access and interconnection requirements of Section 271 following interLATA approval by the FCC. The QPAP provides specific standards for Qwest's delivery of services to competitor telecommunications companies and automatic penalties, identified as either Tier 1 or Tier 2 penalties, if the standards are not met. The FCC recently approved Qwest's entry into the interLATA market and reviewed the QPAP as part of Qwest's application. On January 22, 2003, Qwest filed a Motion for Approval of Revised QPAP Language relating to the payment of Tier 2 penalties. Tier 2 payments compensate the Commission for administrative costs related to the QPAP.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that in the Commission's final decision on Qwest's compliance with the Section 271 requirements issued June 10, 2002, the Commission discussed several issues regarding the QPAP. The facilitator for the Section 271 collaborative case had recommended payment of Tier 2 payments only "if Qwest misses the performance measures in two out of three consecutive months and subsequently misses the measures again in the calendar year." Commission Final Decision p. 4. The Commission adopted the facilitator's recommendation. Qwest also committed, "in the event that Qwest agrees to remove the phase-in of Tier 2 payments for the QPAP in any state that participated in the ROC multi- state QPAP process," to make the same change to the Idaho QPAP. Commission Final Decision p. 4.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that, consistent with this background, Qwest states in its Motion that the QPAP currently incorporates the recommendations of the facilitator regarding payment of Tier 2 penalties. Qwest states it has subsequently agreed to modify the

Tier 2 trigger requirements in the Plans of other ROC participating states. Accordingly, Qwest proposes to revise the Idaho QPAP regarding the payment of Tier 2 penalties, now to be calculated and paid monthly based on the number of performance measurements exceeding the relevant critical values in any single month. If approved by the Commission, the change will be effective February 1, 2003.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Commission has determined that the public interest may not require a formal hearing in this matter and will proceed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rules 201 through 204 of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.201 through -204.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that any person desiring to state a position on this Application may file a written comment in support or opposition with the Commission within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Notice. The comment must contain a statement of reasons supporting the comment. Persons desiring a hearing must specifically request a hearing in their written comments. Written comments concerning this application shall be mailed to the Commission and the Applicant at the addresses reflected below:

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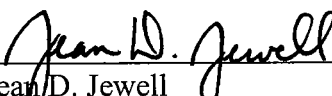
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Motion in Case No. USW-T-00-3 can be reviewed at the Commission's office and at the principal office of Qwest during regular business hours.

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 4th day of February 2003.



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

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